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1.AS RECOMMENDED IN REFTEL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY GRUNWALD SPOKE WITH MC NEIL WATKINS OF TEXACO ON JULY 30 AND CONVEYED CONCERNS EXPRESSED REFTEL. WATKINS EXPLAINED THAT TEXACO HAS MISSED TWO DEPOSITS BUT THAT THESE BASED ON TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES AND DO NOT CONSTITUTE DIRECT REFUSAL TO MAKE PAYMENTS. WATKINS SAID THAT GULF SITUATION IS DIFFERENT AND THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE IN A POSITION OF MORE DIRECT DEFIANCE.

2. GRUNWALD UNABLE TO CONTACT GULF OFFICIALS AT HIGH LEVEL JULY 30 BUT THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CALL ON JULY 31, AT WHICH TIME GRUNWALD WILL CONVEY MESSAGE.

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